

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-18, with the following amended paragraph:

A flex assembly 130 provides the requisite electrical connection paths for the actuator assembly 110 while allowing pivotal movement of the actuator assembly 110 during operation. The flex assembly 130 includes a printed circuit board 134 to which a flex cable leading to the head 118 is connected; the flex cable leading to the heads 118 being routed along the actuator arms 114 and the flexures 116 to the heads 118. The printed circuit board ~~132~~ 134 typically includes circuitry for controlling the write currents applied to the heads 118 during a write operation and a preamplifier for amplifying read signals generated by the heads 118 during a read operation. The flex assembly terminates at a flex bracket ~~134~~ for communication through the base deck 102 to a disc drive printed circuit board (not shown) mounted to the bottom side of the disc drive 100.